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AS RECORDED previously, the Rev. A. R. Kepler of the Hunan Mission was accidentally shot at Hankow. He had gone thither to obtain money for use in Hunan, where the banks were all closed; had engaged actively in caring for the wounded, and from a roof in the neutral ground of the Japanese Concession was watching the fighting, with others, to see where men were falling, in order to reach them with stretchers as soon as the fight moved on. Only his head was exposed, but a bullet found him, entering the head on the side of the nose just below the right eye, coming out behind the left ear, then entering the left shoulder. When extracted the bullet was on the other side of the shoulder; fortunately it was sharp-pointed and passed through the bones without shattering them, but pierced the ear-drum so that the left ear is deaf, and also severed a facial nerve causing partial paralysis of the face and tongue. Mr. Kepler is now in this country, under the care of the eminent nerve-surgeon, Dr. Cushing of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. By one of the miracles of modern surgery, freely given, the nerve may be spliced, and Mr. Kepler, it is hoped, entirely restored to health.

AT THE January meeting of the New York Women's Board Mrs. Rhea made a ringing appeal to the women present to "PRAY FOR PERSIA!" These prayers were never more needed than now, and all who can should give substantial help in answering them. Conditions in Tabriz are worse than during the siege two and a half years ago. At that time the winter supplies had been laid in, but this year the city was shut off too early for that, and even among the prosperous people there is a desperate struggle to keep soul and body together. Business is practically suspended, many clerks and assistants of all kinds are out of employment with no possibility of securing it. Women who usually employ servants are doing the domestic work themselves, and the excessively high prices of food and fuel make it impossible for the poor to obtain even the barest necessities.

A MISSIONARY tells of a woman saying to her: "I never knew before what it was to be hungry and have nothing to eat, but my children went to bed last night crying because they were hungry and cold, and I could not help them." Another poor woman bought two cents' worth of wild olives for a meal for a family of six or seven. The slender resources of the missionaries are drained. Any who wish to help them may do so by sending contributions to Dwight H. Day, Treasurer.

CONCRETE results of Jubilee enthusiasm are still being recorded. One of these is a gift of $2,000 from the Woman's Board of the Southwest for the erection of a school house and dormitory at Metet, Africa. Another, an appropriation of $4,000 to complete the amount necessary for the hospital at Guatemala City, part of the Jubilee offering of the Board of the Northwest.

IN AN ARTICLE on "The American Undergraduate" in *The Century Magazine* for January, Clayton Sedgwick Cooper says:

"The religious tendencies of the American undergraduates are reflected in their participation in the modern missionary crusades both at home and abroad. Twenty-five years ago the entire gifts of North American institutions for the support of missions in foreign lands was less than $10,000. Last year the students and alumni of Yale University alone gave $15,000 for the support of the Yale mission in China, while $131,000 represented the gifts of North American colleges to the mission causes of other countries. The missionary interests of students of this continent are furthermore revealed in the fact that 11,838 men were studying modern missions in weekly student mission-study classes during the college season of 1909–10. At Washington and Lee University there were more college men

studying missions in 1910 than were doing so in the whole United States and Canada sixteen years ago. During the last ten years 4,338 college graduates have gone to foreign lands from North America to give their lives in unselfish service to people less fortunate than themselves. Six hundred of these sailed in 1910 to fill positions in foreign mission ports in the Levant, India, China, Japan, Korea, Africa, Australia and South America."

THE KOREAN-ENGLISH dictionary, now completed, will be a permanent monument to the untiring, systematic effort of the Rev. Dr. J. S. Gale.

EVERY woman missionary of the Seoul station taught last February in the woman's class, which numbered four hundred and fifty women from city and country.

THE church-members at Chai Ryung heard of a village where the church and its people were suffering greatly in consequence of the floods, so a special offering was collected and sent to them. Shortly after they returned 20 *yen* saying that it was not absolutely necessary and might be more needed elsewhere.

DR. MARY P. EDDY did not leave New York for her return to Syria without doing a practical stroke of work for the cause of Peace. She took advantage of the presence in New York of President Taft to secure an interview with him, when she was accompanied by Dr. Lyman Abbott, the editor of *The Outlook*, who introduced her. They urged strongly that the President should use his good offices to end the strife between Italy and Turkey, as under the Treaty of The Hague he is entitled to do. Dr. Eddy called his attention to the facts that all lighthouses along the coasts of Turkey and the Adriatic are extinguished; coal being contraband, there is no gas in Beirût; smallpox and cholera are prevalent, and the lack of fuel and oil are causing great suffering to the poor.

AN ITINERATING missionary sees some queer sights. At one place in China where there is a Christian school the visitor noticed a most unique form of school bell. It was a time-worn, tarnished family idol, suspended by the neck. He was told that one of the Christian women had formerly worshipped this idol for more than fifty years. When she had accepted the Gospel she said she found she couldn't pray with that thing in the house, so she gave it to the elders of the church, they in turn hung it up for a school bell, and it is pounded in most unceremonious fashion.

IN ONE country after another the antitoxin is getting into the blood of the people. The old poison of irresponsible oppression seems to be doomed. Are not all these things indications of the time prophesied when "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it. . . until He come Whose right it is?"

BATANGA is prettier than Mrs. Hoisington expected and she greatly enjoys her African home, where they hear the constant pound of waves on the rocks below, and the spray of the Atlantic breaks inside the house.

MISS CHARLOTTE HAWES tells of giving a message to the Christians at Poa Hsing from Mrs. Crossette, who wished to send them her greetings and exhort them to learn by heart the 13th of First Corinthians. The next day eighteen persons, men and women, repeated that chapter perfectly.

MRS. H. G. UNDERWOOD writes of the great satisfaction of all the force at Seoul in the establishment of the Bible Institute, "interdenominational in the spirit of the heartiest love and unity, and we hope on a perfectly orthodox basis."

THE NEW STATION, established at Bucaramanga, near Bogota, Columbia, S. A., is to be in charge of the Rev. and Mrs. Chas. R. Williams.

CHARLESTON, S. C., is a very old town but no one can say it is not progressive. To their work for the Post-Jubilee Campaign the women there assigned *one day*. After a prayer-meeting they went out two-by-two. In the evening they reported 1,001 new members for auxiliaries. The figures for new subscribers to magazines have not yet been received.

BY THE ILLNESS of their son, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobson have been detained in Los Angeles, Cal., and have not yet returned to Yeung Kong.

Our Missionaries in Korea

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

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For information concerning other Societies working in this field, consult Dr. Dennis' *Centennial Survey* and Beach's *Atlas of Protestant Missions.*

Twenty-five Years

Being Part II of the Annual Editorial Report presented March, 1911, to the Committee in charge of WOMAN'S WORK.

October 1, 1910, I rounded a quarter-century of happy connection with the Women's Boards. To pass this milestone without a backward look would seem to me irreverent. It offers a fitting occasion for correlating facts of change and progress in the history of WOMAN'S WORK, since it was launched as a union magazine. The uniting Boards were five: Philadelphia, Northwest, New York, Northern New York and Southwest. The life of WOMAN'S WORK since that event has been divided, like "all Gaul," into three parts:

1. The 23 Center Street Period—two years and three months. We moved from there, January, 1888.
2. The 53 Fifth Avenue Period—seven and a half years. We moved June, 1895.
3. The 156 Fifth Avenue Period—sixteen years this June, 1911.

October 1 was the day appointed for my arrival in New York. As a matter of fact, that bright Tuesday morning in 1885, when I made an exploring trip down town alone, was September 29th. When I had found 23 Center Street, climbed the stairs and opened the door of the Women's Office, the first thing I saw was a carpet of violent coloring across whose large Highland plaid a wall, built on the bias, ruthlessly cut its way. The carpet screamed "Economy," the wall shouted "Utility," and I thought I should never open that door, without my eyes being dazzled. But, such is usage, I soon accustomed myself to seeing palm trees in Africa or pagodas in Siam the moment I entered the historic Mission House. Mrs. Fry, treasurer of the magazine, arrived soon after me, and we sat down to a pair of ancient desks, much too high for us, and began to get our bearings.

ELLEN C. PARSONS

Photographed in 1885. For later picture of Miss Parsons see WOMAN'S WORK for Sept., 1906.

The second of October was a memorable day. The Boards held a Central Committee meeting upon the new charge which they had together assumed. The Southwest was the only one not represented. Mrs. House came from Troy. Chicago sent two delegates, and very sweet it was to me to see the women from Philadelphia through whom the editor's invitation had been received and our entire correspondence had been conducted. Everything which the Committee could think of, about the magazine, was canvassed freely. A luncheon was spread in the Library and both Dr. Ellinwood and Dr. Arthur Mitchell were present. The Conference closed at 5.30 P. M., and I wrote in my diary that night: "Happy day. Wide-awake meeting, good spirit. Braces me up."

There were saloons in our Center Street neighborhood and Mrs. Fry and I were timid enough often to lock our door in the daytime. There were no facilities for artificial light, so our day closed as soon as it was dark. I could almost trust my memory to name all the New York women who ever called there, and we see a hundred missionaries now, to one seen there. WOMAN'S WORK could never have related itself closely to all the Boards, much less have come into touch with the private auxiliary member, had we remained in our first office. Yet, to have begun just there was a boon to me. Freedom from interruptions allowed time to prowl in the library, to study the history of Presbyterian Missions, to pore over Reports, General Assembly speeches, the old "Record," the "Foreign Missionary," especially to ask questions of the Assembly's Board Secretaries whose offices were on the ground floor.

SECOND PERIOD.

Everything became more complex at the Mission House on 12th Street corner, and the atmosphere was quite changed. We were no longer isolated or uninterrupted. The Women's Board moved over from N. Washington Square; the "Board of Church Erection" had come up with us; all the Home Missions people left lower Broadway and were housed alongside. Now, Union Meetings were sometimes held, where we heard the voices of Dr. Erskine White and Dr. Kendall. Farewells to departing missionaries drew in friends from different churches of the city and the Women's Meeting in Lenox Hall became an influential feature. The Treasurer's department of the Assembly's Board assumed entirely new proportions and dignity. Visitors descended upon us from all quarters, including the woman from a country village who had promised herself "to spend the day with the editor of WOMAN'S WORK" and one forenoon settled herself with her knitting on my window seat. There was no longer time to explore the archives.

March 12, 1888, the great blizzard visited New York. Communication with the suburbs was broken off. Few men of the Mission House reached their desks that day, and I was the only woman there to enjoy the vision of a glorious snow altar built up in front of the Gothic arch of First Church entrance. Now and then, a stately parade marched with bands past the building and temporary platforms were erected to accommodate sightseers. This was a contrast to the peanut-stands of Center Street. We had our adventures. One Saturday afternoon, the janitor locked me inside and, searching for a way out, some dogs gave me a fright; I got out only by shouting to a policeman on the pavement. One day, an irate Greek gentleman just landed from Constantinople walked into my office and, in French, demanded his truant wife, an old pupil of mine. He was positive that she was in hiding with me, and I must give her up or go with him to the Turkish consulate. Our Greek Alexandre, useful man in the shipping department all these years, was called in and even he, a fellow-countryman, had to use strong language to convince the Greek gentleman that I was innocent.

THIRD PERIOD.

I loved my office on the third floor, with its window looking into a tall tulip tree; still, when we moved again, it was from better to the best. As I wrote at the time: "Something came up with us to Twentieth Street which was not packed in boxes nor brought in furniture vans. The life of the Board of Foreign Missions is not a series of de-

tached chapters but continuous history, and of all that which belongs to its great past—sacrifices, prayers, lives—nothing was left behind at '53' or at the older home on Center Street." The present building made for airiness, for health, for expansion, promoted a closer unity by gathering all the forces of both the Assembly's and the Women's Foreign Board on one floor. The Daily Prayer Meeting was now instituted and has been a means of grace and refreshment, ever since.

TWENTY-THREE CENTER STREET
The corner house was the first home of Woman's Work.

COMPARISON OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

When the two magazines in Philadelphia and New York were united, the number of actual subscribers fell far below the forecast which had been made by the publishing committees. I cannot, of course, rely upon recollections of their subscription lists, but of this, I am certain: From time to time, during the first eighteen months, Mrs. Fry would carefully count up the subscribers and, noting the steady shrinkage in the alleged numbers, we looked at each other in dismay. In those days, only, did I sometimes question my soul: "Have you left your chair at Mount Holyoke for such a small enterprise as this?" The price was sixty cents.

In the latter part of 1887, we reported 12,803 subscribers.

Five years after the union (1891) there were	15,020
In ten years (1896) there were	17,027
Over 1,000 were gained in 1899–1900.	
The count was in 1903	20,323
Twenty years 1906	21,113
Twenty-five years 1911	23,425

The edition was 20,000 for the first time in 1897. It has stood at 25,000 for about five years past and last year 25,500–27,000 were required. We look to Jubilee Year to carry it forward with a bound.

THE ECONOMIC BASIS

The size of the magazine has been sternly held to an economic basis. We print twenty-four pages, not because there is lack of interesting material to fill twenty-eight pages or thirty-two, but because a larger magazine would cost more than the present subscription price covers; also because, in the judgment of the Committee, a small magazine is likely to be more thoroughly read than a large one. It has been one long regret with me that we can never afford space for missions of other branches of the Church. I have had to fall back on one of Dr. Ellinwood's remarks: "We may have time in Heaven to survey the fields of all the other Boards, but while we are on earth, we must fight in our tracks."

OUTSIDE DUTIES

Aside from strictly editorial duties, I have been detailed by the Boards to address about twenty of their Annual Meetings, the Union Meeting held in connection with the General Assembly, for a number of times, Pan-Presbyterian meetings in Washington City and New York and the Woman's Interdenominational Conference which has existed for years. I have visited the headquarters of even the most distant Boards. When, travel-worn from Asia, I landed at San Francisco in 1902, the President of Occidental Board called a meeting of their women, before whom I spoke at 920 Sacramento Street. From there I made an extra journey to Portland, expressly to meet the North Pacific Board, having received urgent letters of invitation from our Committee member of that year. Mrs. Mossman graciously received me in her home and called a meeting. There was often more satisfaction in speaking for smaller local societies who were in need of information, but I early learned that the majority of invitations must be refused. The magazine was my first responsibility: it demanded my strength; and I was convinced that best work for it would be hindered by a habit of public speaking.

I also served seven years on Central Committee for United Study of Missions, having been appointed by those who created the original Committee. During this period, I was liable to be summoned to Boston at the most inconvenient time of the month, for an all-day session, and I was thankful when released from this service.

In addition to editing WOMAN'S WORK the contributions of my pen to Foreign Missions, as far as I can recall them, have been as follows:

1891 *Encyclopedia of Missions, Topic, "Woman's Work."* 44 pages. 1st edition (Funk & Wagnalls).

My material was first-hand Reports which I secured by corresponding with every society named in the article. When the new edition was to be published, condensing two volumes into one, the editor asked permission to use my article and he afterward wrote me: "I have only condensed, I changed scarcely anything."

1892 MISSIONARY LESSONS for Sunday-school. Intermediate and Primary grades. (Bible Study Publishing Co., Boston.)

1893 PAPER read at the Columbian Congress of Missions in Chicago. Title: "History of Woman's Organized Missionary Work as Promoted by American Women." Found in "*Woman in Missions, Papers and Addresses,*" 29 pages. (American Tract Society.)

1897 *A Life for Africa.* (Fleming Revell Company.)

Dr. Gillespie, Secretary for Africa, Rev. Orville Reed, Pastor of Montclair Church which supported Dr. A. C. Good, and others urged me to write this book. Mr. Wm. Dulles offered a loan to Revell in order to get it printed, and by arrangement made between me and the printer, all royalty was to be paid forever to Dr. Good's widow.

1900 *Fifteen Years in Korea Mission.* Booklet, by request of Dr. Ellinwood for Assembly's Board.

1904 PAPER for Woman's Pan-Presbyterian Meeting in Liverpool; by request of the British Committee. This was a review of my visit to Missions around the World. Printed in WOMAN'S WORK, it filled 4½ pages.

1905 *Christus Liberator.* (Macmillan Company.)

Text-book on Africa, of the first series in the United Study of Missions. The Chairman of Committee and members supporting her used compulsory influence with me to attempt this task.

1910–11 Chapter, "Dr. Ellinwood and the Women's Boards," for the Biography written by Miss Ellinwood. This chapter is contributed at the request of the family.

As I see these XXV years in outline, the following events stand out to my mind as

LANDMARKS.

1885 October 2d, Central Committee Meeting for the new Union Magazine. The name "Woman's Work for Woman and Our Mission Field" combined the titles of the two uniting publications.

1891 The Occidental Board becomes a joint publisher with the original five Boards.

1893 The North Pacific Board joins the Sisterhood, and now we are seven.

1897 Largest gift to Missions ever made at one time by WOMAN'S WORK —two thousand five hundred ($2,500) dollars. A Minute of acknowledgment from the Assembly's Board was printed in the magazine, June, 1897. (Again in 1900, a gift of $1,500 was made, and $1,000 in 1906, with other sums at various times amounting to above $6,000.)

1898 June Conference instituted for Missionaries under appointment.

1899 Philippines Mission founded.

1900 (Spring) Boxer Uprising, the Martyrs.

1900 Hunan Mission founded.

1901–02 Editor's Journey among Missions around the World.

1905 Martyrs at Lien-chou.

1906 Transfer of Cumberland Board Stations.
1909 Consolidation of New York Board and Northern New York Society.
1909 The Kennedy Bequest—greatest gift ever made to Foreign Missions.
1910 World Conference of Foreign Missions, Edinburgh.
1910–11 National Woman's Jubilee of Foreign Missions.

And now I must approach a subject which can be put off no longer.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

which the years have witnessed. It gives me a sense of cold loneliness to recount the names of those who moved among us, honored as leaders, loved as associates, who one by one have responded to the summons: "Return, ye children of men."

FIFTY-THREE FIFTH AVENUE

The Secretaries whom I found at Center Street, before whom I stood in awe—Dr. Lowrie, Dr. Ellinwood, Dr. Mitchell—all are gone. Dr. Gillespie also, who came into his office a few years later. Mr. Wm. Rankin was Treasurer. To him, I had the pleasure, last September (1910) of sending a letter of congratulation upon his one hundredth birthday. I have seen four younger men succeed to his office and retire in good order.

The Presidents of the Women's Boards, when I arrived, were Mrs. Schenck, Philadelphia; Mrs. Douglass, Chicago; Mrs. Hubbard, New York; Mrs. Yeisley, Northern New York; Mrs. Brooks, St. Louis. Only one of these is now living. Of eighteen women who in my time have withdrawn from the presidency, five died in office.

My first associate, Mrs. Fry, died in 1900. After leaving Center Street, she dropped the treasurership of the magazine to assume the office of General Secretary. Miss Mary Salisbury died while serving her second year as treasurer of WOMAN'S WORK. My comrade editors, Mrs. Mary Lombard (Brodhead) of *Children's Work* and Miss Flanigen of *Over Sea and Land* are both gone.

The Committee originally placed in charge of WOMAN'S WORK were: Miss Parsons of the New York Board, Chairman; Mrs. Turner of Philadelphia, Mrs. Laflin of Chicago, Mrs. Nason of Troy and Mrs. J. W. Allen of St. Louis. Fortunately for the magazine, it has been the usual practice of the Boards to retain their magazine member for a prolonged term. In twenty-five years, less than twenty different women have composed the Committee of six or seven members. Nine of these were furnished by the North Pacific Board, Mrs. McCullagh being their first appointment. An asset of utmost value to the life of WOMAN'S WORK has been the long, continuous service of several members on its Committee. This imparted a stability, a force, a purpose, which commanded respect for the magazine such as nothing else could. These members were women of uncommon character, of breadth of view, incapable of being governed by petty, personal feeling. The longer they stayed with the magazine, the more they loved it, the wiser they grew in planning for it, the more ready for an emergency. Their steadfastness has counted tremendously.

Miss Mary Parsons resigned in her 18th year of service.

Mrs. Laflin died in her 17th year. Her successor, Mrs. N. W. Campbell, has been with us ever since.

Mrs. McClure of Albany held office until the consolidation—17 years.

Mrs. D. R. Posey retired in her 13th years.

Mrs. E. V. Robbins is still serving in her 12th year.

Mrs. Chas. P. Turner was one of the guiding influences in WOMAN'S WORK affairs for the first five years. Then she left to become President of the Philadelphia Board, and when she came back it was to take hold with a warm, helpful hand that had never let go. For, as

the editor sees it, it made no difference whether Mrs. Turner was Committee or President, she always stood for the magazine; her eye was on it, she circulated it, she suggested advantages, and when she or Mrs. Posey sent out a bulletin to their constituency, our offices in New York felt the response right away. The Chairmen who succeeded Miss Parsons were:

Mrs. Chas. Cuthbert Hall, 1903.
Mrs. Henry M. Humphrey, 1908.
Mrs. John H. Finley, 1909.

The last, may a good Providence keep for long years to stand in behalf of the Women's Magazine, which Mrs. Beers gracefully styled "The Tie That Binds."

From this point on, may I be allowed to speak quite personally? Looking back over the years, I wonder more and more that the Committee ever asked me to edit their precious magazine. That they did not turn me out, during the early years of clumsily feeling my way, proves they were a band of optimistic souls. Any success that I had depended very much upon their forbearance, a general disposition throughout the Boards to "give me a little time" and, especially, to the willingness with which certain stiff, mechanical arrangements were abandoned, and the editor was allowed to act with freedom and to arrange as she found, by experience, would work best. In such matters, Miss Mary Parsons was always very liberal. In fact, what could I have done without my Committee? How can I put into words, what I owe *them?* They were my backers, my intimate counsellors; they stood between me and the machinery. They never failed me! Leaving out those who hardly stayed for a bowing acquaintance, we usually saw eye to eye and, almost without exception, we became personal friends. Some of them are sitting to-day in the quiet of their homes. I want to tell them (and how I wish I could again tell them who sleep) that I thank them and love them, and I bear witness to the genuine fidelity and Christian spirit with which they served in their appointed office.

Beholding a quarter-century as I do, in one perspective, the complexities of my position, the embarrassments, obstacles, burdens, perplexities, of which I was distinctly aware as each was encountered, all lose themselves in the general view. Now, it seems to me wholly an affair of simplicity. All my efforts, my spendings of energy, after hours and holidays, evening amusements ignored for the sake of a fresh to-morrow morning at my desk; my strivings for this help and for that, from anybody, everybody, east or west, they all blend into one plain-colored line. I appear to myself to have been, every month for twenty-five years, simply taking aim to hit the mark better *next* month. Isn't that simplicity? I was always and persistently hoping that the *next* number would be without one error. Summer and winter, I kept dreaming that the NEXT NO. would amount to something, would have power. That NEXT NO. has never let me off! It has been both my rod and my lure. Not all my Committees, nor all my critics, have ever driven me so—have urged me on, admonishing, demanding of me, beckoning me too—like that stern, charmed, NEXT NO. Yet I loved it, and never for a moment worked like "a slave driven to his task."

When I came to New York, some of my considerate friends warned me against the step. "Teaching" was my "vocation." Life in New York would be "hard, with few vacations." "Don't you *do* it!" said a witty friend. "Never try to work with such a lot of women!" After twenty-five years, I say, as I have often said before, give me just *such* a lot of women to work with, of different types and temperaments, a great com-

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX FIFTH AVENUE

munity of interests between us, and one glorious goal to work for. Presbyterian women gave me a cordial welcome, they have treated me royally. I shall never forget the kindness, the encouraging words and letters of some who have gone before—Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Benj. Douglass, Mrs. Chas. Trumbull White, Mrs. Riesch, Mrs. Mary Hooker Perkins, Mrs. Eugene Delano, Mrs. Sophea Rhea Dulles, and others of like spirit. With us still are those whose friendly deed or quiet word—"You are keeping up to the standard"—"I want to thank you"—"WOMAN'S WORK improves all the time"—dropped now and again along the path of years have afforded the consciousness that they were with me, and *that* has been no one knows how great a support and comfort. If anywhere one caused me pain, no sting is left. I cherish only a profound gratitude for the open-handed comradeship of friends whom I may not name here, and for a general large consideration which has been steadily shown me, and was far beyond my deserts. I never asked the Woman's Boards for anything which they did not grant me.

This once, let me add frankly that officers of the Assembly's Board have not been one whit behind the women in courtesy and generosity to WOMAN'S WORK and to me. What I owe to Dr. Ellinwood, I have tried publicly to express elsewhere. I count it one of the honors of my life that, last spring, when a delegate to Edinburgh Conference withdrew, the Secretaries and Treasurer nominated me to fill the vacancy. I can not sufficiently express my appreciation of the opportunity granted me these long years to study the great enterprise of Foreign Missions and to have my standards raised and fixed through *their* enlarged views, *their* experience, *their* wisdom.

In all these XXV years, the Father of mercies has granted me such health that, only once (1899), illness obliged me to throw off an issue of WOMAN'S WORK upon other shoulders. Mrs. Gerald F. Dale of Syria stood in the breach. Yes, the whole quarter-century appears to my memory like some noble "horn of plenty," held by divine hands and dropping golden apples of opportunity, of privilege, discipline, friendship, duty, at my feet. To the God of my life, I give humble thanks that He guided me into the very relationships and responsibilities where I have stood.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) *Ellen C. Parsons.*

NEW YORK, March 17, 1911.

To E. C. P.

Broad still her spirit's view,
Steady the hand and true
Life's service-cup that fills;
Loyal the heart that turns
Where the home fireside burns
Among the hills.

The Master's work is sweet,
But tired are the hurrying feet
With journeying many a mile;
Look back on work well done,
Look back on victories won,
And rest awhile!

Appreciations of Our Retiring Editor

WE have mourned with our friends of *The Home Mission Monthly* the loss of their beloved Editor, and feel grateful that the words of appreciation uttered of our own retiring Editor may be said *to* her and not *of* her. It would have been easy to fill the magazine with the many expressions of admiration for her work and of regret that she lays it down, which have reached Miss Parsons from friends and readers in this and other lands. We have selected a few of these tributes, which though official are none the less cordial and personal.

ON DECEMBER fifth, the members of the Assembly's Board and of the New York Women's Board united in tendering to Miss Parsons a reception at which they said to her their official good-bye. The gathering was at the house of Mrs. Wm. P. Prentice. Mrs. Prentice and Mrs. John H. Finley assisted the guest of honor in receiving her friends. Miss Parsons was surrounded by warmly friendly faces and the feeling of all present was expressed with his usual benignity and grace by the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, the President of the Board, who said, in part:

My dear Miss Parsons:—You may understand how much abashed I was, when, last evening, twenty-five men, good and true, by solemn vote deputed me to come here to-day and tell you how much we admire you and all the work you have done. We admire the keen intelligence that goes to the heart of a situation or scene, and not only feels but compels others to feel its throbbing interest. We admire the deft literary touch which enables you to wed thought to speech and by the witchery of words throw a spell over the mind and heart of young and old. We thank you for the great service which you have rendered to the cause of Foreign Missions. You have helped to introduce the womanhood of America to the womanhood and childhood of the whole earth. You have created a unique missionary magazine which will be your abiding monument. Especially do we give thanks that by your wisdom, sympathy, tact and kindliness you have helped to compact into one organism the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions and the several Women's Boards, and to make it one of the mightiest agencies for spreading the knowledge of Christ's Gospel throughout the world.

And now you are going away from us—still an impenitent Congregationalist! They tell us that you are going where the great shadow of Jonathan Edwards revisits the glimpses of the moon, and we know not what shall befall you there. But wherever you go you may carry with you the sense of duty well done and the love of a multitude which no man can number. We pray that your coming days may be serene and filled with measureless content. If any frostiness touches the evening of your life may it be like that which came stealing through the dark when the Sabbath was done, and yesterday robed every branch and tree and every coarser fabric of man's devising with a mantle of purity and beauty ineffable.

As you part from us we bring our tribute of respect and affection and lay it reverently at your feet.

FROM THE MISSIONARIES

"How much rent do you pay for your house?" a visitor asked yesterday. "None at all; this house is dedicated; it belongs to the Lord Jesus; when you come here you are His guest."

The idea is very familiar in the Eastern countries, where the practice is common of making things "courban," setting aside money or lands to be a purpetual endowment for religious purposes, so the curiosity of the questioner was easily satisfied.

The mind of the missionary took up the answer for herself, and quickly traversed the road to another land, where in a great city stands a tall building, which is also "courban," dedicated to Jesus, and where on different floors, and in various rooms, cheerful unselfish men and women are day by day and year by year, consecrating themselves and their service to make Jesus known to a world which needs Him with such a dire and bitter need, and as yet has heard so little word of Him. From all the towering structure one seems to see cords of love and help stretching out into the thick darkness, back again to the dwellers in the light of a Christian land, and upward to the mercy seat of our God.

Thought centers especially just now on one small apartment, whose pictured semblance reached some of us some months ago. It showed us the piles of books, letters and papers, the familiar desk, the chair which the modesty of its usual occupant left vacant in the photograph; we did not then know it was a mute prophecy that soon she would fill it no more.

Now we are thinking back, of what her presence there through those twenty-five years has meant to the missionaries in the outlands and at home, to those in the thick of the conflict, to others laying down the armor or just girding it on. We recall her quick intelligent sympathy in all that concerned them personally or as related to the word of God, in times of sorrow, anxiety and bereavement, no less than in seasons of joy and gratified desire. We think of the gracious and graceful expression of that sympathy in private letters or in the pages of the magazine. How often it has come like a cup of cold water to a weary soul! How we often wondered at the store of accurate information about individuals and their work, revealing a deep and unfeigned interest in the mission force of our own Board, which did not prevent a reaching out after "all the others," all who are lifting high the royal banner in every land and among every race, and a reaching back to call out the strength of the whole church in this glorious war.

We remember the bright welcome, which was always ready for those who entered that little room, the restful, homelike feeling, the wise counsel, the readiness of resource, the valuable time given so cheerfully without a thought of self. Surely we missionaries owe her a debt of gratitude, which we are glad to acknowledge even if feebly, but she will forgive us if we look past her and see in

her sweet ministry of twenty-five years, the hand of our Lord choosing her for this service, and filling her as an empty cup with the streams of His love to pass on to others. She will forgive us too, if at this moment we join with her in thought all those who gather daily in that building, to pray for their missionaries and who also give of their service so freely. She will not be forgotten by us, but in her well-earned rest many prayers will go up for her; her prayers will also meet ours, for it may be she is now called especially to the work of intercession, which is to-day the crying need of the church militant and universal for all its work.

Our thoughts are drawn also to the one as yet unknown to us, who is to fill that vacant chair and take up the work laid down. We desire that she may prove a worthy successor, and may come short in no gift and blessing. We cannot, if we would, separate the two, one going out and the other coming in, in our love, our hopes and prayers.

God bless them both, most richly, in spirit, soul and body and make each one a blessing for evermore!

H.

FROM THE SECRETARIES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S BOARD

THE SECRETARIES OF THE BOARD who have known Miss Parsons in the intimate association of daily work and companionship, accept her withdrawal with deep and sincere regret. They have been where they saw constantly her fertility of mind, her eager hunger for true news, her spiritual interest and sympathies, her quick perception of vital things, her single-minded concentration on her work, her missionary character, and her whole-hearted consecration to the cause. The work and the Lord of the work have been Miss Parsons's supreme concern, and all small things have fallen into their own place while the great things of the Kingdom of God and the means of its extension over the earth have stood out as the things that alone matter. Some workers have cross interests which dilute the intensity of their application to this one central task. Not so Miss Parsons. She has had daily living spiritual interests about her, men and women to be drawn to Christ or helped forward in His service, but they have not hidden the far peoples from her, as the far peoples have not hidden the human folk at her side. Christ's service here and the world around have been her one true passion. We are glad to have had the privilege of the long and lovely associations of these years, and we wish our friend Godspeed as she retires to her well-earned rest, which we know will turn out to be only a new form of loving service by friendship and by prayer.

Robert E. Speer.

FROM THE WOMEN'S BOARDS

Ellen Calysta Parsons, M. A.

The announcement in the September WOMAN'S WORK of the resignation of Miss Parsons as Editor, her reasons therefor, the universal regret of her readers and associates and the debt of gratitude which we, the Women's Boards, owe her were so well set forth then by the Chairman of Woman's Work Committee that it might seem superfluous to add a word. Yet now that Miss Parsons has left the editorial chair, to be filled by her worthy successor, we think of the things unsaid and are moved to speak of some of them.

In the year 1885, when the women of our several Boards resolved to publish unitedly one foreign mission magazine, to be issued from the Mission House in New York, thus absorbing the then *Woman's Work for Woman* of Philadelphia and *Our Mission Field* of New York, the vital question before us was, "Who will be found worthy to be its editor?" Prayerfully was God's guidance sought and the lot fell upon Miss Parsons—approved as a teacher in Lake Erie College, Ohio, a missionary in Constantinople and, at that time, Professor of Ethics and Psychology in Mt. Holyoke College, but quite new to editorial work.

With much searching of heart she left the classroom to meet the Committee with whom she was to have close, loving, honored association for a quarter of a century, and to put her pen to the first

editorial paragraph. It was a brief salutation "to new readers and old, and especially to those at the outposts of our mission-field. We desire to be a medium for your voice to the churches to tell them for you what your straits are and what your triumphs. Use us that so you and we may be laborers together as we hope to rejoice together in the abundance of the blessings from above." One, who looked for an inaugural outlining policy and plan, asked why the salutation was so brief? Quick was the response: "Because I haven't anything more to say, I haven't *done* anything yet." But from that time on, even during the added year for foreign travel, Miss Parsons has "done" more than we can ever tell to advance foreign missions not only in the great Presbyterian Church but in the whole Church of Christ and, what is yet greater, the Kingdom of God in the world.

Miss Parsons's style we recognize as all her own, pervasive on every page even to the title of an article, clear, alert, racy, humorous, sympathetic, devout, never losing sight of her high aim: *to interpret foreign missions to the Christian world.* The Board of the Southwest voices our estimate of Miss Parsons's work in a private letter to her: "You have guarded WOMAN'S WORK through its infancy, guided it through its youth, and carefully watched and tended it through its maturity until it has become, what all Presbyterian women are proud to announce it, the best woman's foreign missionary magazine printed by any denomination." Subscriptions have risen from 12,800 in 1887 to 23,800 in 1911 with post-jubilee figures yet to be added. Financial success followed and WOMAN'S WORK has at intervals made substantial gifts directly to missions from its earnings.

Successful ventures into the missionary encyclopædia and book-making world during these years we may not chronicle here, but it is but fair to picture our editor in her office as an unwearied Bureau of Information to all inquirers and as a close, confidential friend of the missionaries, who loved to find her there and who often enjoyed her generous hospitality. But the lure of New England was in her veins and no persuasion would avail to keep her from the dear old Northampton home where she has gone to bless her family and friends and to take up such literary work as she may choose.

May these coming years be filled with restful, fruitful service in which the gratitude of unnumbered friends and the "well done" of the Master shall mingle in the sweet refrain of her Psalm of Life. We pause at the threshold of her door and look back, as Dr. Ellinwood once did, to say:

"GOD BLESS WOMAN'S WORK."
"GOD BLESS MISS PARSONS."

J. M. T.
For the six Women's Boards.

Some Shunammites in Korea

Kim Puin first came to our notice at one of the special evangelistic meetings of the early fall. A woman of some sixty-five years of age, erect and unusually large of frame for a Korean woman, the tan of her skin heightened by the bright yellow of the *sagan* bound about her head, she gave an effect far from gentle and feminine, but her eyes were sparkling with earnestness. "You see," she said, "I am the only one from our church who could come and then besides I'm the only one in our village who believes the Jesus doctrine, so I want to tell them all the new things I learn. I'm not yet baptized and I must learn."

When we moved on to the new church some forty *li* away (how one longs to have time to stop and preach in all the heathen villages one passes in such a walk of twelve miles), as we came into the village we saw above all the other heads one bound with a yellow *sagan* frantically bobbing nearer and soon recognized our friend. As soon as the greetings were over she said that there were some people to call on and we must go at once, so that they might have time to prepare their food and be present early for the evening service. Learning that it was upon officials' wives, non-Christian, we were to call I wondered how our friend and her invitation would be received by the pale-faced, gentle-voiced, rather frail, finer-clad women I had, from former experiences in Taiku territory,

been led to expect in such homes. She, you see, had no doubt of its acceptance, and everywhere, though she seemed unknown, she and her message were received and women from all the houses where we called were present at the evening service. Before we left next morning she called me aside and, saying she wanted to ask something before I left, made an inquiry which always causes us a heartache when forced to reply to it. "All the people in America are Christians, aren't they?"

The next time we saw Kim Puin was some weeks later in her own church. She had bought a Bible and a new hymnbook for a daughter-in-law, and was simply compelling her to learn to read. This was a place where previous experience had not led us to expect mother-in-law authority to be exerted. It was good to see that her earnest spirit wasn't simply for an evangelistic campaign in parts afar.

On that visit of the *moksa* she received baptism and her big wrinkled face was fairly beautiful when softened with that joy. She inquired eagerly about the spring classes and said she was coming, even though the distance was great for her old body; and come she did,

WALKING SOME ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY LI

(about forty-five miles) over hard mountainous roads, and acquiring such a thirst for knowledge that she shortly afterward walked about a hundred and seventy *li* to the big Taiku class, and in June made the same trip again to the Normal class, sending letters full of joy. Here and there over our Province there are springing up women of such earnestness and our hearts sing because of what they mean for the future. God grant that as they become so zealous to acquire they may find those just as zealous to give out and just as full of the joy of giving as they of the joy of receiving.

The other woman of whom I wish to speak is traveling a way far different from that of Kim Puin. Her husband is a leper and totally blind, the older son on whom she hoped to depend, fell, breaking his hip-joint and becoming a cripple for life, and her younger son has now contracted leprosy. When being examined for baptism she was asked by Mr. Winn if in spite of all her trouble she could still believe in Jesus and she replied:

"WHO ELSE IS THERE TO GO TO?"

Needless to say she "stays by the stuff" instead of journeying much, but her life preaches even though she cannot travel like Widow Kim.

Then there are the leper women just across the bay from us. I wondered when at the asylum not long ago how they could be so cheerful. The few who are not Christians can be picked out at once, so hopeless and almost sullen are their faces. The children look like old people, so distorted are their faces by disease.

One woman in our territory died this year of persecutions received when she wanted to become a Christian. Her husband cut her hair every which way, beat her and abused her dreadfully. I wonder would you and I be willing to suffer dreadful physical pain, shame and disgrace for our faith as this ignorant Korean woman did?

(*Mrs. G. H.*) *Blanche Essick Winn.*

FUSAN.

THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN, SEOUL
Photograph kindly loaned by Mrs. John S. Kennedy.

An Experience with the "Righteous Army"

Some years ago when the Korean army was disbanded, one regiment refused to lay down their arms. Of course, after the order had been given, there was nothing to do but to compel obedience, and machine guns were trained on the barracks. A number of Korean soldiers were killed, others wounded. When the regiment surrendered, among the first to enter the barracks were three missionaries who went in to give first aid to the injured. A number of the wounded were sent to Severance Hospital. This action was greatly appreciated by the soldiers, and was heralded far and wide by soldiers who escaped. Insurgent bands soon sprang up on all sides. These organized insurgents were favorable to Christians, and refrained from committing depredations in Christian villages because of what the three missionaries had done. On one country trip, I met four of these insurgent bands and they treated me with consideration when they knew who I was. I was riding in a chair, and, when possible had a Korean go ahead of me to inform any insurgents he might meet that I was on the road. Had I come upon them without warning, they might have taken me for a Japanese and begun shooting before I could declare myself. In fact, I had this identical experience.

REV. GRAHAM LEE, ON WINTER TRIP IN NORTH KOREA
Taken by passing Chinese photographer.

After finishing my circuit, I sent the chair and horses home overland and started down the Tai-tong River in a small boat with three Koreans. To any one who wishes a delightful experience mixed with a spice of danger, I would recommend shooting the rapids of the upper Tai-tong. The scenery is surpassingly beautiful as one glides along through deep pools, where cañon walls rise sheer from the water's edge hundreds of feet. On, past the pool, you shoot a rapid at a tremendous rate, the water boiling over rocks; one false move by the boatmen would be likely to cause destruction to boat and crew. We were sweeping around a big bend in the river, and coming within view of the road to our right we noticed a band of men on top of the hill over which the road ran. My Korean companions said: "They are insurgents," and that was made evident very soon for the men began to yell, "Land your boat." I told the Koreans to turn into the bank but, evidently, we were not quick enough to suit the insurgents for they began to shoot. My boatmen shouted, "Don't shoot, he is a missionary." With that the shooting stopped, and they sent men down to intercept us. They came within fifty yards of the water's edge and shouted: "Get out of your boat." I got out. "Come up here." I started up. As soon as I came near enough to be recognized as an American their faces broke out in smiles and they said, "You must have been greatly frightened." I said nothing, only smiled. Their next statement was surprising: *Langachi saramio*—"we are all the same." To this I said nothing, but continued to smile. "Now you had better go on," and I turned and started for the boat. Not one word did I speak. It seemed to be a case where "silence was golden" and too much speech might be lead. Suppose that, in some way, word came to the powers that be that insurgents had said to me "we are all the same;" would it not have given color to the charge that was sometimes made that missionaries were back of the insurgents?

PYENG YANG. (*Rev.*) *Graham Lee*

THIS is the twenty-seventh year of progress in Korea and the first year in which the whole Korean translation of the Bible could be used. It has proved of great help in the classes and services. The station at Seoul takes pride in the fact that three of its members, Dr. Underwood, Dr. Gale and Mr. Pieters, have had a part in this great work.

THREE new men and five new women-workers have cheered the hearts of the Korea force during the last year. The Korea Laymen's Movement, the campaign for a million souls for Christ, has been profoundly successful. It will be impossible to calculate whether that special number of persons has been gathered into the Church of Christ. But many, many souls have heard the enthusiastic preaching and have had the benefit of the volume of daily prayer, and the campaign has had a marked effect in the deepening and enriching of the spiritual life of the Korean Christians.

NEAR Chai Ryung, a Korean Christian and his wife moved into a new home in a heathen village. Each Sunday they read the Bible together, holding a little service of their own, and taking a collection. At the end of three years of consistent Christian living and praying, they had sixteen friends who wished to learn and believe. They then decided to build a church and did so. When a missionary visited them he found a consecrated little band whom he examined and baptized.

WHO CAN foresee where the influence of the Edinburgh Conference will end: Its voice will continue to sound in the pages of *The International Review of Missions*, a quarterly to be published by the Continuation Committee, the first number of which appeared in January. This magazine is intended for the rapidly increasing number of those interested in serious study of the facts and problems of work among non-Christian peoples. It will represent the entire Protestant missionary forces of the earth. The first number is a handsome and dignified volume of 192 pages. Some of the contributors are Ambassador Bryce, President Harada, Miss de Sélincourt, and Drs. Gairdner, Goucher, Hodgkin, Mott and Warneck. Typical articles are *The Vital Forces of Christianity and Islam*, *The Place of Women in the Modern National Movements of the East*, *The Special Preparation of Missionaries*, etc. Generous space is given to book-review and the full bibliography of books and periodicals is a valuable feature. Subscriptions are received by the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Ave. The price is $2.00 a year.

KOREAN WOMAN FILLING HER WATER POT

THE STUDY of the Japanese language has been added to the course at the Women's Academy at Seoul, and the curriculum, now that a fourth year has been added, approaches that of a high school. Twelve girls graduated this year.

WE RECEIVE many complaints of the great inconvenience caused by the new method adopted by the Post Office authorities of transmitting second-class matter much of the way by freight. All the magazines have notified their subscribers that they must now arrive later in the month. Our San Francisco correspondent tells us that where WOMAN'S WORK formerly came about the first of the month it now arrives about the tenth. When she mails her "Notes" she has to wait six weeks before she sees them in print, and has two sets out at once. We wish to assure our subscribers that it is through no negligence in this office that these delays occur. The magazine is printed and mailed at the earliest possible date, and every effort is made to expedite its delivery.

The Christian's Status To-Day in China

By the time this is printed old things will have passed away, and the Republic of China will be proclaimed! This is one of the most astounding revolutions in the history of the Empire, and fraught with far-reaching consequences both to our great missionary cause and to relations with all nations. To-day scarcely a man in this most populous city in the Empire wears a queue. I saw crowds of men going about with scissors, seizing men and boys on the street, and

CUTTING OFF THEIR QUEUES,

and no serious objection was made. China is undoubtedly looking prospectively towards a Republic. The soundest judgment and very best ability that the nation can command, will be needed to supply administrative, judicial and executive duties. I believe that the Chinese are abundantly able to meet these needs, if the other countries will give moral and sympathetic support and keep hands off their territory. Mistakes will be made in this transition period, but the hearts of the people are with the reformers, and with patience and tact, a new government will eliminate most of the old obstacles that stifled trade and intercourse both with other countries and among the different provinces.

To-day no country is held in so high esteem as our own, and the Chinese would be greatly pleased if our country should be the first to acknowledge the new Republic. Mighty responsibilities are thrust upon us. Idolatry is absolutely doomed, and the millions of tracts that have been scattered, and millions more that will be given out, mean the death of idolatry. In this city some of the high official positions have been given to our Christians. The son of one of our old preachers, a graduate of Columbia Law School, is in high authority here. Another man, teacher in Fati school, is in permanent position over the revenues, and has taken as his helper another of our Christian teachers. Other Christians are coming into places of power, and all this means

MIGHTY GAINS TO CHRISTIANITY.

A very evident feeling of friendliness towards Christianity greatly delights us. China is wide open. Bills are posted telling the soldiers of both parties to protect the foreigners. *We must work as never before.*

My own conviction is that we shall be most seriously pressed to take care of the converts who will certainly come with the disappearance of the old system of persecution for those who abandoned ancestral worship. What tremendous responsibilities we must now assume to meet the demands for instruction, and to prepare a body of native preachers adequate to take care of the mighty harvest that will surely come. Deeply thankful I am that I am alive and well, with thirty years of experience to guide and stimulate me. I expect to do the biggest work of my life in the next five years.

Not a chapel or church has been disturbed in this or any other province, except at Hankow, when the city was burned.

(*Rev. Dr.*) *A. A. Fulton.*

CANTON.

IN this momentous day when Opportunity knocks loud at the door of the Church, we quote:

THE DAYS

"Daughters of God, the hypocritic Days,
Muffled and dumb, like barefoot dervishes,
Come walking single in an endless file.
To each they offer gifts after his kind,
Bread, kingdoms, stars, and skies that hold them all.
I in my pleachéd garden saw the pomp,
Forgot my morning wishes, hastily
Took a few herbs and apples, and the Day
Turned and departed silent. I, too late,
Under her solemn fillet saw the scorn."

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES

CHINA

Extract from letter of MRS. J. E. WILLIAMS, November 25, 1911:

We are living in stirring times in China and the whole story of the last month will probably never be told, for it is a story of confusion, terror and anxiety which my pen has no power of telling. Not *my* story alone, for I have been sheltered from the storm and kept in comparative peace, but so many helpless, feeble ones driven out from their homes.

Sunday evening, October 24th, I returned from Kuling, with the children, to Nanking. It was so good to get home and the dear old city looked so peaceful and beautiful I could not believe that danger was near. All our friends were going peacefully on with their work and hoped to continue. I gave up all fear and went to work to settle down. I was all in order and so comfortable at our new house when Mr. Drummond came in to tell me they thought best that I should go to Shanghai. I felt that it would be selfish for me to stay when I would need help in time of danger, so I said I would go. I need not tell you that my feet felt like lead as I began packing a few things. It was rumored that the city was to be blown up that night. In the morniug my nurse and cook both decided to go with us to Shanghai. We had a busy day as we had to work quietly, for they did not want the Christians to be excited—rumors were flying and an ominous hush was over the city. Over a thousand people left that day. By noon it was certain that I must leave the city that afternoon or run the risk of not getting out, as the 'rickshamen would not pull. Mr. Drummond got a carriage for which he paid about six prices, and we went to a hotel near the railway station outside the city walls. He had to leave us there and go back into the city. It was a dreadful night, for a battalion of soldiers were passing our room all night and the noise was beyond description. The next morning three thousand wildly excited people were trying to board the train—I saw them pounding and fighting like dogs. I could never have reached the train with my baby and children but the landlady of the hotel went with us, and a friend of hers unlocked a back gate and let us through. But nurse and cook were left, with all our baggage and my lunch, so lovingly prepared by Mrs. Drummond. December 4th: . . . Our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God who has kept us safe in the midst of these dreadful times and I believe that our work will go on with far better results than ever before. People say—"Oh, China has no statesmen!" How could she have under the old system of graft, greed and selfishness? We must make statesmen. The University can do it too as never before. The faithfulness and strength of our Christians have been a lesson to us all; good Pastor Suen standing bravely by the handful of Christians left in the beleaguered city of Nanking. Thank God for such honest, rugged men who are all over China.

Mr. Bailey has six hundred men at work on the University grounds, digging ditching. At night they line up and receive ten or fifteen cents, which is the price of the day's work. They are worthy farmers and country folk who were turned out last year during famine times and went to Nanking, living in tiny, tiny straw huts with mud floors. Some of them are old men with gray hairs in their queues and wearing old faded silk garments which doubtless have been handed down from father to son. The Chinese cling lovingly to their poor possessions. These men have gone on with their work during the siege. Mr. Bailey told me that he had no trouble with them whatever. On the day when the near-by Government school was looted only six men left out of the six hundred. They said, "No, we will not break the laws of our country!" China has a great future with such peaceful and industrious people to make the future statesmen.

PERSIA

MRS. F. M. STEAD, writing from Hamadan, tells us:

Two or three weeks before the feast of the New Year, March 21 or 22, every household takes a deep tray and covers the bottom of it thickly with wheat or barley. They keep it very wet at first and covered with a cloth, sitting on the *koorsie* until it is well sprouted. Then they set it in a light place to get green. By New Year's Day it is a beautiful mass of green about two inches high. It is still petted and tended and enjoyed for thirteen days, and on the thirteenth day it is thrown away. It would be a very pretty custom if it could be separated from the superstition that it fosters. It is sown to bless the *koorsie*, in growing it gathers to itself all the bad luck the household

might have for the year and in throwing it away on the thirteenth all ill fortune is thrown away for the year. The young, tender wheat would be excellent feed for the hens, which all these people keep, so I asked why they wasted it by throwing it away when the hens were just pining for something fresh and green. The answer was, "Some day we may want to eat the hens and then bad luck would return to us."

MISS LENORE SCHOEBEL of URUMIA, says:
I am still plodding away on

LANGUAGE STUDY

and only the measure of success attained could prevent its becoming wearisome. I have completed my year's work in Syriac and passed the examinations so far, so I can now vote in station meeting. Mr. Labaree and Mr. Sterritt were the examiners and I got so excited in telling the story of the Prodigal Son that I confused two words which sound quite similar, and said his father choked him instead of kissed him—but they didn't fail me on so slight a mistake as that. I find Turkish much more indefinite and hard to get clearly in mind, but guess it is not beyond learning. I can read in Syriac with some real pleasure now and am not quite so tongue-tied as I once was—much to my relief. I have also a little of the work of overseeing the Seminary (Fiske) and give sewing lessons twice a week.

INDIA

MRS. E. M. WILSON writes from Sangli:

Every rainy season there is an epidemic of sore eyes among the town people. It has begun already this season, and people come in morning and evening to have medicine put into their eyes.

For the last two months my Sunday morning class has been quite a mixture. It has been difficult to suit the lessons to all the class, as it has consisted of children from one to ten years old, and our Christian women. Miss Gauthey has now returned to our station, and she is taking the women and I the children. This makes it easier to suit the lesson to each individual. On Tuesday, Miss Gauthey takes all the children of the mothers who attend my weekly Bible-class and prayer-meeting. Miss Gauthey has toys for them to play with after their Scripture lesson, dolls, picture-books, scissors for cutting out pictures, etc.; at the end she gives them each a little candy. You should have seen the bright dark eyes last Tuesday as we came out of our women's meeting, each child eager to tell her mother what she had been doing in "Miss Sahib's" class, and what she had had.

I wish you could see a bouquet of flowers we have in our house. It is much like our lilac in fragrance and color, but the bunches are more feathery and lighter in weight. It was gathered from a tree in our garden which is thirty or forty feet high. I love flowers so much and especially any that are like the home flowers. I am rejoicing over the fact that we are going to have

SOME MIGNONETTE IN OUR GARDEN.

The first buds have just come out. I usually take my evening exercise in the garden, planting, weeding or sowing seeds.

Since sitting down to write this letter about six groups have been for eye-medicine. The eyes of one little baby were swollen like big marbles. There is one bright little boy living not far from here who has lost an eye by having powdered stone put in, a native remedy for sore eyes. The mother when telling me about it said, "What is the use of putting such things in the children's eyes? They only roll around in pain and cry, and do not get better. Your medicine is better."

KOREA

MRS. W. C. PURVIANCE writes from CHUNG JU:

We want to teach the children the truth of "Freely ye have received, freely give," and will ask them to bring in their birthday offerings every Sabbath. This will mean a complete transformation in the Korean custom of counting the age of children. As it is now, a child is a year old when he is born and they add a year to his age at the time of each New Year. If a child were born the day before New Year he would be one year old at the time of birth, and the next day being New Year he would be said to have "eaten two cakes," which is their way of saying he is two years old, when as a matter of fact he may be only two days old. So you see that everyone has a birthday on New Year's Day, and no one celebrates birthdays during the year. I am trying to find out the year, month and day on which each child is born, but it is not easy, for so many of the mothers have forgotten the exact dates. We hope to see the mothers take a great interest in this work, for it will be an education for them as well as for the children. Since the Koreans hold the place they do today in the mission world, they must learn to be up-to-date. They could go along in their bungling way while they were the "Hermit Nation," but it does not become them now.

HOME DEPARTMENT

UNITED STUDY OF MISSIONS

The Light of the World.—CHAP. 6. CHRIST THE ONLY LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Suggested Bible-reading, Ephesians 3.

The ideal of Missions.

Necessity of careful study of religions which we desire to replace with Christianity.

Desirability and necessity of comparison.

Attitude of other faiths towards this comparison.

Has Christianity anything to fear from such comparison?

Points of comparison, the best as well as the worst; importance of not ignoring errors and crimes committed in the name of Christ.

Should resemblances or differences be chiefly emphasized in such comparison?

Effect on Christians of rigid comparison of their own with other faiths.

Recognition of and rejoicing in points of contact, or common grounds of belief.

Have the non-Christian religions, on the whole, contributed to the religious evolution of mankind?

Is there any support for the theory that Christianity is only one religion among others?

Are not the isolated good points, found here and there in these religions, all combined in Christianity?

Are all religions essentially one? Quote *The Indian Social Reformer;* also the Swami Abhedananda, and the Japanese convert, Uchimura. Reply to the latter two opinions.

Present arguments for the view that each religion is best for its own adherents.

How are these arguments confuted?

Illuminating effect of comparing Christianity with other faiths, it cannot be fully understood unless viewed in relation to them.

Difficulties in the way of fair comparison.

What virtues do we see in Islam? In Confucius? In Buddhism? In Hinduism?

Careful discernment of essential differences more radical and far-reaching than agreements.

Theory that the final religion is to be a symphony of all religions; Christianity in itself the symphony, the pure white light in which all rays are combined.

Fundamental differences between Christianity and all other religions.

Some reasons for Christianity's claim to be universal:

Its unique conception of God; compare with that of other religions.

Its idea of sin and salvation.

Its ethical standards; compare its distinct moral teaching with standards of gods of non-Christian religions.

Its scope as the religion of humanity, fitted alike to the sage and the child.

Its social standards, the place of women and of children, a religion of brotherhood.

Its unique, universal Book; compare the Bible with sacred books of other religions.

Should Christianity surrender its claim to be the only true and divine religion in the world?

Compare home-support of Christian missions with that of propaganda of any other faith: Christianity is the only religion trying to prove its claim to universality by moving over all the earth with steadily increasing power.

A FORWARD STEP

In the fall of 1911 the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of New York decided in their separate meetings, and without knowledge of each others' plans, to secure at once new workers. The Home Board wanted a secretary for young women's work in general, and the Foreign Board a secretary to work among students in schools, colleges and conferences. Each Board appointed a committee to secure its secretary. Both committees at once thought of Mrs. Dwight E. Potter, whose knowledge of the Pacific Coast and experience as a Young Women's Christian Association Secretary fitted her for work in young women's societies and guilds, while her term in Syria as a missionary, although short, gave her the requisite foreign missionary experience.

When Mrs. Potter's name was mentioned at the first meeting of the committee of the Foreign Board they learned that she had already accepted the call from the Home Board. This was a great disappointment, as she seemed to have all the qualifications for the Foreign Board work. Then there came to them the thought that the Home Board might be willing to share Mrs. Potter's services within the territory of the New York Board. They argued that where Mrs. Potter worked among young women,

trying to vitalize their societies, missions of every kind would profit, and since foreign missions would share the benefit of her work, they might equally well share the responsibility and expense.

The officers of the Home Board received this proposition with cordial and open-minded interest, and after careful consideration agreed to make the experiment for a year. While they had not called Mrs. Potter primarily for student work, they, no less than the Foreign Board, felt a deep responsibility towards the great body of Presbyterian young women students in the northeastern territory; that these students should be better instructed in the work carried on by their own church, and that the interest aroused during their student life by interdenominational agencies should at the close of their course be turned into the channels of their own church.

A joint committee of the two Boards has been appointed to direct and assist Mrs. Potter in her work. This committee will have to solve many problems of adjustment, but they have entered on their work with a spirit of perfect unity and understanding, and the firm belief that a great forward step has been taken in thus uniting to carry on the work of the Kingdom.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

ARRIVALS:

December —.—At San Francisco, Rev. A. R. Kepler, from Siangtan, China, returning for surgical treatment.

DEPARTURES:

November 22.—From San Francisco, Miss Sarah Faris to join the Shantung Mission.
December 19.—From San Francisco, Miss Alice H. Skinner, returning to Hainan.
Dr. and Mrs. Irving Ludlow, to join mission at Seoul, Korea
Rev. Wm. J Smith, to join the Philippine Mission.
January 3.—From San Francisco, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Kelly, returning to Hainan.
January 10.—From New York, Dr. Mary P. Eddy, returning to Syria.
January 13.—From New York, Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Heminger, Mr. Heminger returning to Efulen, Africa.

MARRIAGE:

November 30.—Rev. L. D. Heminger, to Miss Edna Michael.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Hazel Murray, Mexico. Appointed 1911.
Miss Annie Hail of Osaka, Japan. Appointed 1908; to marry Rev. W. E. Hoojke, of the Reformed Church Mission.

CANVASS WEEK REPORTS TO DATE, JANUARY 11

FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE PHILADELPHIA BOARD, BY PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES

PRESBYTERY	NEW MEMBERS	NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO WOMAN'S WORK	NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO O. S. & L.
Pittsburgh,	800	300	..
Philadelphia,	443	49	20
	(3 new organizations)		
Phila. North,	363	29	14
New Castle,	287	13	..
Cleveland,	258	129	..
Washington, D. C.,	200	75	..
	(3 new auxiliaries)		
Carlisle,	162	45	31
Huntingdon,	160	21	..
Chester,	155	10	3
Shenango,	135	..	..
Baltimore,	134	43	..
Blairsville,	129	..	..
New Brunswick,	103	..	..
Marion,	102	3	6
West Jersey,	100	3	2
Mahoning,	100	3	..
Dayton,	100	63	24
Wooster,	95	12	..
Redstone,	66	13	5
Northumberland,	51	4	..
Chillicothe,	51	..	..
Lima,	50	10	..
Huron,	44	10	..
Steubenville,	38	8	12
Grafton,	14	11	..
Lackawanna,	6	..	..
Newton,	5	2	..
Maumee,	3	6	..
Tenn. Synodical,	110	..	45
	4,264	862	162

Mrs. E. Boyd Weitzel.

IN DECEMBER, 1911, our business office received 738 more subscriptions than were received in December, 1910.

EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 7, 1912

THE EASTER supplies of the Sunday-school Department of the Foreign Board are irresistible.

The Programme is entitled *The World Children for Jesus;* its Scripture and music are peculiarly appropriate for the Easter season.

The Supplement has attractive recitations and exercises.

The Coin Card, in beautiful colors, is novel in its design and must be seen to be appreciated. It will appeal to all.

Secure your Supplies early and avoid disappointment and delay in delivery.

The Supplies are free of charge, if the Easter offering of the Sunday-school is sent to the Foreign Board. If purchased, the programmes are $2.50 per hundred.

Your Order should not be sent to the Board of Publication or any of its depositories, but direct to

Rev. George H. Trull,
Room 908, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sample packet of Easter supplies can be secured by sending a two cent stamp to above address.

AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE of representatives of the Women's Foreign Missionary Boards was held in New York on December 13. There were present delegates from New York, Philadelphia and the Northwest. Subjects of interest to all the Boards were discussed, several of which will be presented to the Boards through Central Committee.

On the 14th of December there was held an all-day conference of the same delegates with the Executive Council of the Assembly's Board. All were impressed with the value of such a meeting and the hope was expressed that it might be held annually and that it would be possible for all the Women's Boards to be represented hereafter. Minutes of both Conferences were sent to the headquarters of all the Women's Boards.

M. D. P.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 o'clock. Prayer-meeting on the third Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Visitors welcome at both meetings. Prayer-meeting Feb. 20. Topics: Our Treasury, China and Hainan.

ON THE second page of the cover of the magazine will be found the monthly topics for prayer and study as arranged by the Assembly's Board. At our prayer-meetings, however, for the first six months of the year the former topics will be used.

BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY will be held in Baltimore, Md., in the Brown Memorial Church, April 23–25, opening on Tuesday afternoon. Popular meeting on Wednesday evening will be addressed by Dr. Robert E. Speer. Entertainment offered to all missionaries and delegates. Mrs. Rufus K. Goodenow, 813 St. Paul St., is chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Further details next month.

THE TREASURER'S books at headquarters will close *March 15, 1912*. All final payments from presbyterial treasurers must reach Miss Cattell, Treasurer, on or before that date.

AGAIN we gratefully record a legacy of $1,000, from Mrs. Rachel L. Russell, late of Allegheny Co., Pa. This was appropriated at once to meet an urgent appeal for a new building for the largest Moslem school in Syria, Kob Elias School. It was also a matter for rejoicing that we were able to appropriate from unassigned legacies $8,500 for building a chapel at Caracas, Venezuela, and to this a gift of $500 has been added, making in all $9,000.

OUR GUESTS at the December prayer-meeting were Dr. Mary Eddy, who graphically told about starting two tuberculosis hospitals in Syria, and of the present need of governmental intervention to bring about peace and relieve the fear and distress in Syria; Miss Lois D. Lyon of Hangchow, Mrs. Chambers and Miss Powers from Turkey. Miss Parsons, the retiring editor of WOMAN'S WORK, found time to make us a little farewell visit last month. To have with us one who through a long executive session knew every missionary spoken of, and who could shed light upon every subject discussed, was a rare pleasure, and to be able to express our affection and gratitude to Miss Parsons, in person, was a great privilege.

THE JUBILEE subscriptions to WOMAN'S WORK have far exceeded the aim of 500. Can we not make it 1,000? The 500 aim for *Over Sea and Land* has not been reached.

NEW LEAFLETS: *How Ma Li Converted the Robbers*, 2 cts.; Christian Endeavor Suggested Programmes (1912), 5 cts.; *What Our Board of Foreign Missions Is and Does*, by B. Carter Milliken, 5 cts.; *The Touch of Human Hands* (poem), 1 ct.; *The King's Highway* (poem), 1 ct., 10 cts. a dozen. *China* (75th Anniversary Series, Board of Foreign Missions). List of Topics, 1912, with suggestions for leaflets, free.

KOREAN LEAFLETS: *The Korean Pentecost*, 5 cts.; *Concrete Christianity in Korea*, 3 cts.; *Mrs. Esther Kim Pak*, 3 cts.; *The Korean Woman*, 2 cts.; *Boys and Girls in Korea*, 2 cts; *Some Gleanings from the Harvest in Korea*, 1 ct.; *Korea After Twenty-five Years*, 1 ct.; *The Ringing Bells* (new medical leaflet), 2 cts.

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Avenue, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

THE REPORTS, in manuscript form, which our field-secretaries bring to us, of the tours made throughout our synodical and presby-

terial societies, have heretofore been most use ful to the members of the Board and to the Secretaries themselves. We have come to realize that they are too valuable to be thus limited, and have decided to keep copies on hand, making it possible for presbyterial and synodical officers to obtain them from this office, upon request. The field-secretary comes in contact with a larger number of auxiliaries and missionary workers than any other officer. She sees and feels conditions, she learns possibilities, limitations, and sources of supply. All these things make her reports invaluable.

A GOOD EXAMPLE of that "considering" which influences "unto love and to good works," is given by North Dakota's secretary in pointing out what was accomplished in that state by Methodist women during the Jubilee year. They gave $4,255 to foreign missions, then crowned the gift with a trained kindergartner who was obtained through prayer. The offerings, moreover, if not from "every" member, yet represented a large proportion of the membership, ten towns and cities having each sent from $151 to $424, and nearly as much again coming in smaller sums from many places scattered far and wide over those beautiful plains.

AMONG the notable guests at Room 48 during the first weeks of winter, were Dr. Mary Eddy of Syria, Rev. J. R. E. Craighead of Anna, Illinois, with his wife, who is a daughter of Dr. Hunter Corbett of China; Rev. Alex. Pieters of Seoul, Korea, and Dr. Eliza E. Leonard of Peking, China. The latter readily gave "a reason for the hope that was in her," foretelling peace for China, first, because He who delivered in 1900 and other times past "will yet deliver," and also because the Chinese are lovers of peace and of peacemakers, the arbitrating third party being a much-used and highly honored person throughout that nation.

KOREA LEAFLETS: *The Wonderful Story of Christian Missions in Korea, The Korea Pentecost, Sectional Report,* each 5 cts.; *Wonder Stories,* 3 cts.; *Boys and Girls in Korea, Kim Yong Sun* (Hero Series), *Pak-Si-Mi-Do,* each 2 cts.; OTHER LEAFLETS: Christian Endeavor Programmes for seven months, 5 cts.; *How Ma Li Converted the Robbers.* China: *Seventy-fifth Anniversary Series,* 2 cts. each.

From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE MEETING in the Assembly Room on January 3d was one of the most largely attended and enthusiastically praised meetings that has been held this season. In the first place, the subject was China, and that in itself promised well for the interest of the addresses. Secondly, Mrs. A. B. Wadsworth, the Chairman, was peculiarly fitted to take charge of this New Year's Meeting, for she has been in China herself, and has many personal friends among the missionaries there. And thirdly, she was fortunate in securing such inspiring speakers as the Rev. J. E. Williams of Nanking, Mrs. W. A. Mather of Paotingfu, and Dr. Speer. With the new interest felt by all in Nanking owing to the recent inauguration of the Chinese President in that city, what Mr. Williams had to tell of the plans for the Union Christian University there received added significance. Mrs. Mather's description of the social conditions which affect the women of China and the glimpse of itinerating work that she gave, made her listeners feel that they had actually had a trip to the field themselves. Dr. Speer closed the meeting with reassuring words about our work and workers in China, and left us with a ringing challenge to the Church at home to be ready for the unprecedented opportunities that are sure to come as a result of the present upheaval.

THE LIST of speakers who are to form the "Speakers' Reciprocity Bureau" is growing, and it is hoped that when occasion demands these bright, capable women will relieve the strain upon our missionaries who come home for rest and recreation, and some of whom feel that a missionary talk is almost an impossibility for them.

HOW MANY societies realize that this is the last full month before the closing of the Treasurer's books for the year? March 15th is not now very far away. Are your pledges fully paid? Those whose responsibility lies in this direction, please take thought and see that the financial obligations of your society are completely and promptly met.

ONCE UPON a time—and this is a true story—a company of children connected with a certain Presbyterian Church became greatly interested in the study of missions. Their leader directed their thoughts to the great work, holding their attention with "missionary journeys," and stories of the life and needs of the boys and girls whom the missionaries have gone to help. After a time he was obliged to give up this particular service, not, however, without an effort to find some one to take his place. But no one was ready to assume the obligation. The children, missing the meetings and receiving no encouragement in answer to their repeated appeals for a leader, sought and gained admission to a band connected with another denomination. One must rejoice that the *other denomination* was ready to satisfy the children's hunger. But what a pity that their own church failed to minister to them, and so to bind them to its own work! *Similar opportunity in your church may be your responsibility. Do think about it.*

NEW LEAFLETS: *The Redemption of China's Women,* 3 cts; *How Ma Li Converted the Robbers*; Seventy-fifth Anniversary Series—*China; The Philippine Challenge to the Church at Home; "I Come to Stay," or a Hindu Gipsy; Pak-Si-Mi-Do,* each 2 cts.

From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 A. M., Room 708, No. 816 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Missionary literature for sale at above number. Visitors always cordially welcome.

REPORTS from the Post-Jubilee campaign have not as yet been received at Board's headquarters, but it is hoped that some authentic news will reach us early in the new year.

MRS. J. O. GOLDSMITH, Secretary of the F. M. E. D., says: "An Extension Department in every Auxiliary should be our aim in 1912. As a natural result of the Post-Jubilee Campaign for double membership, the problem of the Extension or Home Department should have been solved. This is an opportunity which no local auxiliary should fail to grasp, and hold to firmly in future work, for now is the decisive hour for reaching out after the uninterested, and after those who cannot attend meetings. Let every president see to it that her society reports a thriving extension department at the spring presbyterial meetings."

REPORTS at the close of the rally of the Forward Movement, held by the men of the church in St. Louis, show an increase in church attendance and in classes for Bible instruction, and many outsiders brought into the church. With the combined efforts of the men and the women of the church what great things should be accomplished during the year now opening. More men, more earnest, definite prayer, more *power*.

MRS. S. I. LINDSAY, field secretary of the Board, will visit where she is most needed. Her itinerary will be arranged later.

WE were made happy by a visit in December from Mrs. Gorbold of Kyoto, Japan. It does us good to meet our missionaries face to face, and know them personally.

LETTERS were received from a number of our missionaries, many of them showing the great need of the different fields, and all requesting definite, earnest prayer for the work and the workers.

MISS ANNA FISHER has again taken up her work and reassumed the position of Secretary of Westminster Guild, and all letters relating to that work may be sent to Miss Fisher at 4566 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meetings first Monday of each month, at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive meeting every third Monday. Prayer-meeting first and third Monday, from 12 till 12.30.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions, is appointed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 2, 3, 4, to be held at 920 Sacramento St., San Francisco.

THE TREASURER, Mrs. E. G. Denniston, requests friends to forward all contributions before March 15, as her books will close on that date. Her address is 3454 Twenty-first St., San Francisco. Treasurers of Presbyterial Societies are requested to remit by March 10.

MRS. THOMAS V. MOORE of San Anselmo Seminary is the newly appointed secretary to whom all correspondence connected with the Mission Home is to be addressed.

ANOTHER NEW appointee, Mrs. D. H. Steele, came to us recently from San Diego and will share in the correspondence with our missionaries in foreign lands.

REV. AND MRS. R. H. FENN, formerly missionaries to Colombia, S. A., have made their residence in San Francisco. Mrs. Fenn is a volunteer teacher of the needle-work guild in the Mission Home.

MISS SUDERMAN, a member of Berkeley First Church, Dr. McAfee, minister, has been appointed a missionary of the Occidental Board. Her destination is Africa and she expects to sail in June or July.

MISS JENNIE PARTRIDGE, C. E. Secretary, is in charge of the efficiency campaign, and has sent a letter to all synodical societies in regard to efficient missionary work for the C. E.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of our Board and the Ministers' Union met Dec. 18th in a joint service of prayer for China. It seemed to be a supreme moment in the present crisis there and earnest prayers were offered.

DR. AND MRS. J. F. KELLY were with us once more before sailing for Hainan. Mrs. Kelly spoke of the difficulties, dangers, superstitions, encouragements and rejoicings one encounters in leading such a people to Christ, and Dr. Kelly spoke of them, as did Paul of the Gentiles, as "fellow-heirs and partakers of the promises."

From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday each month and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 385 Teuth St., Portlaud.

BOARD MEETING on the third Tuesday of December was one full of interest, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, vice-president, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Mossman. Mrs. Campbell led the devotions, bringing out the thought that God is depending on us to carry on the work He left and that we must keep on climbing higher, like the vine, for this work is far from finished.

MISS HATCH appeared in the midst of our meeting, coming from her train directly from work in Spokane Presbytery and other points in our eastern territory. Canvass-week resulted in 200 new members in that presbytery, doubling the number of its auxiliaries, of which it has now twenty—good work!

MISS MARGARET S. BLISS, one of our new missionaries, was not able to be at our September meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Miss Shewbridge were with us, so we are very glad to make our members slightly acquainted with her through a letter from Mrs. John G. Leghorn of Spokane Presbytery, who writes: "Having recently had Miss Bliss with us for a short time we feel that we are privileged in having such a consecrated, enthusiastic, Christian young woman for our substitute on the foreign field. She is well fitted for her future work as a teacher, being a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and having taught successfully for four years in high school. She has been the means of leading many of her pupils to Christ. She is to teach in Yeung Kong, Southern China." Miss Bliss and Miss Shewbridge passed through Portland on their way to San Francisco to take passage together across the Pacific, the one to China and the other to Laos. Many prayers follow these dear young women.

MRS. GOSS reports receipts for the third quarter of our year as the largest of any quarter in our history. We are now in our

last quarter and all are girding themselves to do even better than this.

GREAT SYMPATHY is felt for Dr. and Mrs. Bible in the affliction they are bearing in having their two little daughters transferred, almost together, from their loving care. Fervent prayer was offered that the Father, who cannot make mistakes, will be very close to these parents and comfort their lonely hearts.

REMEMBER that literature can be obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 385 Tenth St., Portland. Write her for catalogues if you have none.

NEW SOCIETIES

KENTUCKY
Harlan, Jr. C. E., 1st Ch.

NEW YORK
East Hamptou. Westminster Guild, 1st Ch.
Elmira, Dorcas Guild, Lake St. Ch.
Gloversville, 2 Chapters Westminster Guild, Kingsboro Ave. Ch.
Lyons, Westminster Guild, 1st Ch.
New York, Int. and Jr. C. E., DeWitt Memorial Ch.

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1911

By totals from Presbyterial Societies.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

ATHENS,	$120.07	MAHONING,	$526 66	STEUBENVILLE,	$568.80	WHEELING,	$127.50
BELL,	17.10	MARION,	181.00	UNION,	.41	YADKIN,	1.00
BIRMINGHAM, A.,	12 85	MONMOUTH,	415.00	WASHINGTON (PA.),	814.98	ZANESVILLE,	327.00
BLAIRSVILLE,	275.00	NASHVILLE.	275.00	WELLSBORO,	13.00	Baltimore Synod. So.,	25.00
CARLISLE,	194.00	NEW CASTLE,	504.90	WEST JERSEY,	125.00	Miscellaneous,	3,458.63
CHATTANOOGA,	86.60	NORTHUMBERLAND,	710.80				
CLARION,	156.95	PARKERSBURG,	92.00	Total for December (including Jubilee Fund, $379.25)			$17,011.28
DAYTON,	541.50	PHILADELPHIA,	3,015.06	Total since March 15, 1911,			143,434.47
FLORIDA,	6.00	PHILADELPHIA, N.,	2.00	Special Gifts to Missionaries,			132.00
FRENCH BROAD,	80.10	PITTSBURGH,	2,783.68	China Famine Fund,			8.00
HURON,	120.25	REDSTONE,	499.18	Chieng Mai Relief Fund,			8.00
KITTANNING,	602.52	SHENANGO,	262.29				
LACKAWANNA.	15.00	SPRINGVILLE-		(MISS) SARAH W. CATTELL, *Treas.*,			
MCMINNVILLE,	44.45	TALLADEGA,	10.00	501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.			

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

Receipts for December, 1911.

ADAMS,	$18.45	DULUTH,	$202.65	MILWAUKEE,	$242.00	ROCK RIVER,	$387.00
ALTON,	222.00	EWING,	137.85	MINNEAPOLIS,	1,235.02	RUSHVILLE,	270.60
BLOOMINGTON,	946.66	FLINT,	120.13	MINNEWAUKON,	17.00	SAGINAW,	380.60
BOULDER,	453.69	FT. DODGE,	94.10	MONROE,	73.50	ST. CLOUD,	119.50
BOX BUTTE,	31.00	FT. WAYNE,	397.89	NEBRASKA,	296.92	SIOUX CITY,	443.00
BUTTE,	107.50	FREEPORT,	439.88	NEW ALBANY,	136.92	SPRINGFIELD,	764.00
CEDAR RAPIDS,	688.70	GRAND RAPIDS,	84.00	OMAHA,	374.99	WATERLOO,	172.45
CHEYENNE,	77.85	GUNNISON,	49.00	PEORIA,	614.00	WHITEWATER,	203.62
CHICAGO,	2,104.65	HASTINGS,	62.60	PEMBINA,	132.95	WINNEBAGO,	236.75
CORNING,	174.97	HELENA,	44.00	PETOSKEY,	39.00	WINONA,	144.00
COUNCIL BLUFFS,	163.61	INDIANA,	412.50	PUEBLO,	544 39	Miscellaneous,	123.25
CRAWFORDSVILLE,	402.60	IOWA,	211.68	RED RIVER,	82.95		
DENVER,	615.00	IOWA CITY.	359.05	Total for month,			$17,773.14
DES MOINES,	470.50	KALAMAZOO,	124.00	Total from March 15,			148,510.54
DETROIT,	907.06	KEARNEY,	174.00	MRS THOS. E. D. BRADLEY, *Treas.*,			
DUBUQUE.	95.70	MANKATO,	345.46	Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., Chicago.			

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

ALBANY,	$284.55	GENEVA,	$186.50	NORTH RIVER,	$166.00	SYRACUSE,	$261.00
BINGHAMTON,	92.78	HUDSON,	122.50	OTSEGO,	49.00	TROY,	334.00
BOSTON,	158.75	JERSEY CITY,	241.80	PRINCETON,	12.00	UTICA,	554.00
BROOKLYN,	277.00	LONG ISLAND,	547.70	ROCHESTER,	390.75	WESTCHESTER,	403.55
BUFFALO,	409.90	LYONS,	116.90	ST. LAWRENCE,	286.75	Miscellaneous,	259.00
CAYUGA.	218.65	MORRIS AND ORANGE,	715.00	STEUBEN,	114.00		
CHAMPLAIN,	166.25	NASSAU,	39.00	Receipts from Nov. 15th to Dec. 15th,			$9,077.48
CHEMUNG,	114.00	NEWARK,	44.50	Total since March 15, 1911,			48,043.57
COLUMBIA,	112.00	NEW YORK,	2,303.00	(MISS) HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,			
GENESEE,	18.40	NIAGARA,	78.25	Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.			

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

NOVEMBER

CHOCTAW,	$7.50	SANTA FÉ,	$10.00		
TOPEKA,	42.08	Misc.	110.33	Total for Month,	$169.91

DECEMBER

ARKANSAS,	$33.12	FT. WORTH,	$77.00	OZARK,	$97.50	SALT RIVER,	$101.00
ARDMORE,	8.10	IRON MT.,	27.50	OKLAHOMA,	108.65	SEDALIA,	288.00
AMARILLO,	68.00	HIGHLAND,	239.00	PARIS,	87.50	TOPEKA,	584.00
BROWNWOOD,	38.45	HOUSTON,	41.50	RIO GRANDE,	42.00	WACO,	130.75
CARTHAGE,	171.94	KANSAS CITY,	576.15	ST. JOSEPH,	144.00	Miscellaneous,	97.78
CIMARRON,	53.50	LARNED,	316.75	ST. LOUIS,	897.50		
DALLAS,	160.00	LITTLE ROCK,	8.00	Total for Month,			$5,490.19
DENTON.	35.00	MCGEE,	171.60	Total to date,			18,462.10
EMPORIA,	214.00	MUSKOGEE,	74.75				
EL RENO.	28.00	NEOSHO.	439.00	MRS. WM. BURG, *Treas.*,			
FT. SMITH,	57.15	OSBORNE,	73.00	708 Odd Fellows Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.			

Woman's North Pacific Board of Missions for Quarter Ending December 15, 1911

ALASKA,	$11.00	OLYMPIA,	$137.00	WENATCHEE,	$92.45	WILLAMETTE,	$227.05
BELLINGHAM,	34.00	PENDLETON,	8.50				
BOISE.	73.80	PORTLAND,	1,381.00	Total for quarter,			$3,055.65
CENT. WASHINGTON,	171.00	SEATTLE,	426.00	Previously remitted,			3,377.93
COLUMBIA RIVER,	47.00	SOUTHERN OREGON,	64.00	Total since March 15, 1910,			6,433.58
GRAND RONDE,	49.00	SPOKANE,	263.35	MRS. JOHN W. GOSS, *Treas.*,			
KENDALL,	14.00	WALLA WALLA,	56 50	324 East 21st St., North, Portland, Oregon.			

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